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MEMORANDUM FOR: SA/RR

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THROUGH: Acting [REDACTED] 25X1A8a

FROM: Ch [REDACTED] 25X1A8a

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25X1A9a [REDACTED] accompanied by [REDACTED] conferred with Mr.
25X1A9a [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to discuss our mutual interest and activities
in the fields of geodesy, gravimetry and the Antarctic.

25X1X7 [REDACTED] was given a brief summary of the Soviet
developments and achievements in the fields of geodesy and
gravimetry. 25X1X7 25X1X7

When [REDACTED] indicated that the [REDACTED] major
interest was on communist China, the discussion then turned
to a review of China's activities in these two fields and
how these evolved from the advances of Soviet experience
and methods.

It was pointed out that the Chinese also may assume an
independent course in their geodetic and mapping program which,
nevertheless, contributes as well as benefits from the Soviet
establishment of Soviet geodetic datum. In this connection
the possible entry of communist China into the Antarctic
could become the initiation of a Chinese communist axis
of long-range scientific activities which could cross the
Pacific Islands and Australia. We both agreed that the
presence of communist China in Antarctica was perplexing
since the Chinese have had no previous scientific interest
in the Antarctic. We indicated three possibilities to
account for the new interest; to make themselves politically
active in order to demonstrate the growing horizon of China's
scientific interest, possibly to counter the Japanese
effort, and to lay the foundation for long range scientific
work that could establish a geodetic and gravimetric tie
between Antarctic and China for the support of future Chinese
missile capabilities.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] then pointed out that one of our long-range
intelligence objectives is to try to determine where and
when the Soviets might suddenly try to undertake long range
missile firings from the USSR to Antarctica with a nose cone
of instruments and promoted as a scientific project.

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